THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

2:45 p.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori, and Lemmons, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to adopt the minutes of the March 17, 2005 meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Polidori.** There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The chair laid **HB 4038** before the committee:

HB 4038 Sheen

Children; protection; requirement for the presence of certain adult during interview process of a child suspected of abuse or neglect; provide for.

TESTIMONY

Representative Sheen, bill sponsor, explained the bill to the committee.

Ron Hicks, representing the Department of Human Services, opposed the bill.

Ray Holman, representing himself, opposed the bill.

Dr. Alan Kilar, representing the UAW Local 6000, opposed the bill.

Dave Nyhof, representing himself, supported the bill.

Sgt. Matt Bolger, representing the Michigan State Police, opposed the bill.

Christine Timmon, representing herself, supported the bill.

Patricia J. Weerstra, representing herself, supported the bill.

Sharon Cole, representing herself, supported the bill.

Mark Valente', representing himself, supported the bill.

Nancy Lockhurst, representing herself, supported the bill.

Sharon C. Peters, representing Michigan's Children, opposed the legislation as currently written.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Representative John Stahl, Chair
House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services
Ben Williams Jr.
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
1 Hour and 35 Minutes